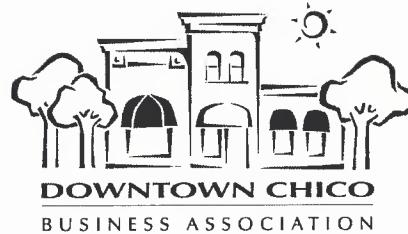


March 30, 2019

Assemblyman James Gallagher
Post Office Box 942849
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RE: Support for AB 430 Camp Fire Housing Assistance Act

Dear Assemblyman Gallagher:

On behalf of Chico Downtown Business Association (DCBA), I would like to express our support of your bill, Assembly Bill 430. The current housing shortage in Butte County, due to the tragic Camp Fire, requires a speedy solution. Expediting and streamlining the building approval process for housing developments would go a long way to alleviate the challenging housing dilemma for the Camp Fire survivors.

Securing additional housing in Butte County, particularly in Chico, is crucial to the health of our local economy. The lack of adequate housing has started a drainage of our workforce, which we need to stop as soon as possible. At the current pace of development, we do not believe we can stop the loss of our workforce nor provide the necessary permanent housing for the Camp Fire survivors in a timely manner.

We thank you for your foresight and encourage you to see the AB 430 into its final passage.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Halimi".

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